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HUGHES AND FAIRBANKS.

## TOO MANY CURVES AND SIDINGS

President Wilson's "single track mind" seems to take him around many abrupt curves. For instance, he once spoke of this country as being "too proud to fight," a rather unfortunate expression which called forth a good deal of criticism at the time, as calculated to give other nations a misleading impression regarding Americans and their willingness to defend themselves and insist on their rights. In his address at Omaha recently, however, the president gave a revised interpretation of his previous remark by saying, "There is as much fight in America as in any nation of the world."

One need not differ with the president over either of these expressions to bring out the point that Mr. Wilson is singularly prone to change his position and wobble about in an effort to keep on the popular side. This has been so with numerous questions of legislation and national policy, conspicuous examples being furnished in his change of front with respect to the national preparedness, his curiously contradictory attitude toward Mexico, and his more recent surrender to the demands of the railway brotherhood. His foreign policy with respect to the European war also has shown the same tendency of vacillation and indecision, for in various instances he has said things which obviously he did not mean and which, therefore, necessitated revision or backdown. And even though his intentions may be of the best, the American people have viewed this "fumbling" in national affairs with growing distrust, coupled with apprehension that these frequent shifts and changes by the president may sometime lead to a serious crisis.

A "single track" mind may be a good thing in a public leader, provided it follows a definite and fixed course approved by public sentiment and opinion. The people like to know where they are headed for—what is the real objective of national plans and policies. When, however, they are jolted about by swift changes and sudden alterations, of course, it leaves them in doubt as to the skill and ability of their pilot to bring them to any desired destination. And President Wilson is just that kind of a pilot—he is so very ready to take a curve or siding that the public has become convinced it is time to find a more safe and reliable man to take charge of the national train.

## WHY HUGHES WILL WIN.

In explaining why the state of New York is going to give its electoral vote to the Hughes ticket at the coming election, Senator Wadsworth, of the Empire state, also furnishes the real reason why Republican prospects throughout the country are so promising. "New York," he says, "has lost confidence in President Wilson. It is convinced the Democratic party cannot efficiently and economically administer the government of the United States, and that it cannot properly protect the business and commercial interests of the United States against foreign invasion after the war is over."

This, in the opinion of the New York senator, is the calm conviction of a majority of the voters of his own state, and apparently it is also the conviction of a large majority of the voters in most of the other states. They have noted the blunders, the indecision, the wobbling vacillations of the Democratic administration, and they also have noted the fact that even the Democratic leaders constantly are engaged in disagreements and disputes over matters of policy and practice. That any good at all should arise out of such a condition of contention and discussion is a matter of surprise, and that ultimate failure—perhaps even disaster—should result seems only natural to expect.

Feeling this way about it, the in-

telligent thinking voters everywhere are showing an inclination to apply the rule of "safety first" by dismissing the Democrats from further control of national affairs and again placing the latter in charge of a Republican administration. The voters, in other words, "took a chance" with the Democrats for one term of administration, but the results have been unsatisfactory and the people are now ready for another change.

## MAY SOLVE PAPER PROBLEM.

It is claimed that a Wisconsin man has perfected a process for extracting printer's ink from paper, thereby making it possible to again use waste paper in the manufacture of fresh white print paper. The new process is said to be already in use at one of the larger Fox river valley mills and is giving satisfactory results. A slight loss of material is noted in the process of manufacture, but it is claimed this amounts to not over ten per cent. And the new invention is regarded as of considerable value to the paper trade, as it will help to solve the problem of increasing supplies of pulp stock, necessary in the manufacture of white print paper.

For years the effort has been continued to find a way to utilize used paper in the manufacture of fresh paper. Every process heretofore tried, however, has either been a failure, or too expensive for adoption by manufacturers. The manufacture of "black print" has even been suggested, which would require the use of white ink, but the trade and the public never took kindly to this idea. And so for years waste print paper has been converted into cheaper grades of wrapping, cardboard and building papers, simply because the stain of ink could not be eradicated.

If the new process is as successful as is claimed, the problem of paper stock will be greatly reduced. A considerable portion of the paper used for newspapers and other publications becomes again available, and the supply of waste paper can be further eliminated with a little effort. And as the demand for print paper is constantly increasing, it is reasonable to suppose the manufacturers will make good use of this new invention, with advantage to themselves and benefit to consumers. The latter now face a hard problem in the matter of high prices for print paper, the latter costing fully twice as much as a few years ago. By utilizing old paper in the manufacture of new stock, it may be possible to supply publishers at prices which will not be a burden to the latter. And the public will be the real gainer, for present high prices for print are causing many publishers to reduce the size of their publications, or to increase their prices for advertising and subscriptions.

## UTILIZING WASTE TANBARK.

A method for using waste hemlock tanbark to partially replace expensive rag stock in the manufacture of felt roofing has been developed at the forest products laboratory and is now being used commercially by co-operating mills, according to an announcement made by the forest service. It is stated that, in these mills, from 20 to 30 per cent of the rags is being replaced by waste bark and that the quality of the finished product is equal to that manufactured solely from rags. Members of the forest service who have been conducting the experiments say that the utilization of the bark will make it possible to effect a considerable saving in the manufacture of felt roofing.

According to the census of 1909, over 608,000 tons of hemlock bark were produced each year in the United States. After the tannin is extracted this bark is used for fuel purposes, for which it is said to have a value of 60 cents per ton.

The extent of the savings rendered possible by the new methods is pointed out by the fact that the roofing mills of the United States have a total estimated annual production of 237,000 tons of finished roofing of all kinds, equal to about 11,300,000 "squares." By a "square" of roofing is meant 100 square feet. The utilization of the waste bark in this industry should enable the mills to reduce their manufacturing costs appreciably.

In addition to the use of the bark for roofing, papers made at the forest products laboratory on the basis of 80 per cent of waste tanbark have been successfully printed on a commercial twelve-color wallpaper printing machine, and give promise of being entirely satisfactory. Other paper of the same make-up has been made into fibre conduits by a commercial manufacturer.

Other possible uses of waste bark which suggest themselves are the use of bark mixed with ground wood for the production of wall board, or with sulphite screenings in the manufacture of car liners. Studies already made at the forest products laboratory indicate that it may be possible to use waste hemlock and oak tanbark in making sheathing paper, carpet liners, bottle wrappers, deadening felt and the like.

No man in Polk county is better fitted for the office of County Treasurer than is Allen V. R. Snyder, the Republican candidate. Mr. Snyder's long residence in this part of Oregon gives him a wide acquaintance among the people of Polk county, in fact it is doubtful if there is any section of the county in which his business transactions have not made him known to all citizens as a man of sterling character and one qualified to ably carry out the duties of the office to which he aspires. Mr. Snyder is a life-long republican, has served six successive years as assistant chief clerk of the house of representatives at Salem, and is the Dallas representative of the Oregon Fire Relief association. His election next month will insure the office being handled in the same efficient manner as the present incumbent, Fred J. Holman, has managed it for the past two years.

President Wilson plans to address an audience of newly naturalized citizens at Chicago on October 19. He is still waiting, however, for an invitation to address a meeting of the German-American alliance.

A German scientist claims to have discovered a way to recharge storage batteries by exposure to sunlight. And regardless of any war sympathies the whole world will hope this claimed discovery will prove workable.

Roosevelt is to make his final campaign speech in New York, just before the election occurs. And it is safe to say it will be a "sizzler."

## OTHERS' OPINIONS

## Boys on the Farm.

How to keep the boy on the farm is a problem that has been vexing the ingenuity of social philosophers for several years but nothing has done so much toward the real solution of the problem as the club movement.

Giving the boy some sort of interesting and profitable employment, some personal ownership and responsibility, making him feel that he is of some value and importance on the farm, will make him contented on the farm, if he is by nature intended for that sort of life.

If he is not, it will soon be apparent, and the sooner the better, for a misfit is one of the common tragedies of the world.

The most logical factor in the solution of the problem of keeping the boys on the farm is first to keep the girl there. Where the girls are there will be the boys also.

If the girls, for the want of society and some means of earning a little money with which to pay their own way, all go to the city, and take up stenography and the like, the boys will follow them.

The first important step in the solution of this question is to provide ways and means whereby the girls will be made more useful, independent and contented in the farm home.

If you would only have one of these four things in your farm home—heat, light, sewage disposal or running water—which would you choose?

Farm women living in various parts of one state have chosen running water. A professor of that state's college of agriculture, sent these women a questionnaire on farm-house building, which contained this question.

The result of the replies received gave running water the place of first importance in the home; sewage disposal, second; heat, third; and light fourth. All of these housewives agreed that any one of these improvements is well worth the money which it costs.

The preference for running water gives an idea of how much it means to a woman when she enters the kitchen, dairy, or bathroom and finds water available.—Exchange.

## A MAN IN DALLAS

It was Franklin who said that a good proportion was an ounce of knowledge with a pound of energy. It was better he thought, than a pound of knowledge with an ounce of energy. In a dynamic age energy is king. It is the men and women who do things who count. To him who accomplishes much, much can be forgiven. One successful man has said that to be successful a man must make his decisions rapidly and be right half of the time.

Walter L. Toozee, Jr., is still a young man. He came to Dallas eight years ago as a boy just out of college and just in his 'teens. He was a Republican and everyone knew it. He who ran heard it for if Walt was in town his voice could be heard. When the Grand Old Party called, Walter always answered. He had no practice when it was necessary to help win for the principles which he believed made for a better city, county, state and country. He has no family, for the

time being, and Mrs. Toozee believes that he really hasn't a family during election times. But in between he did find time to do some mighty good work in his law practice. With the exception of the district attorney he has during the past four years appeared in more criminal cases than any other lawyer in the county.

He was one of the organizers of the Dallas Commercial club. Through his positions as correspondent at different times for The Oregon Journal and The Oregonian Dallas and Polk county has received much space in the state's news. While captain of the Dallas Militia company Junior was instrumental, Dallas people say, in bringing the armory to Dallas.

Because he was on the job ex-senator Theodore E. Burton of Ohio spoke in Dallas Monday night, the only speaking place in the state in the present tour. He is full of just such things. It comes from energy and being on the job.

## WHAT DALLAS NEEDS

What Dallas most needs, above every other economic question, to advance her upon the way of growth and prosperity is the development of her rich and valuable resources.

The city is happily situated—set as a pearl in the surrounding foothills, near to fuel and the purest of water. On the hills, the best lands for fruits, are many fine orchards.

Though these great advantages are utilized, the vast timber resources west of Dallas are untouched. Millions of dollars that are here lie dormant because there is not a sawmill at the old site in the northwest part of the city. No better site for a mill could be found, and the timber tributary to it embraces many thousands of acres of good timber lands.

A mill so placed would mean a great growth to the city and a sure source of prosperity. It is one of the first things that Dallas needs.

We have abundant railroad facilities to carry all the products of many mills to markets. If we had this mill in operation it could get its logs from the stump to the mill on a down grade from many thousands of acres and make lumber cheaper than any mill in the valley.

No other single business or enterprise would help Dallas as such a venture would. Prosperity would come to its promoters. And further, the cry for good hard surfaced roads should never cease until, like the spokes from a hub, a good road shall radiate in every direction from Dallas. Let them reach out first to our resources and the important places in the county and in the direction of our markets until Dallas shall be the center and hub of a great radius that embraces the whole country.

These things are now what Dallas most needs. B. H. McALLON.

## THERE SHOULD BE NO ACTION UNDER PRESSURE, UNDER DICTATION.

"We have one priceless treasure in this country, and that is the reign of good judgment after public discussion. In the long history of the people, victory after victory has been won over tyranny and force. We have a free press, we have a free form of public discussion, to the end that there may be a general understanding of our activities and a general appreciation of what is necessary to the improvement of our conditions. We may disagree about this measure or that, but we have confidence in the public judgment in the long run. Hence there is one thing which we must always maintain, and that is that there shall be no action on the part of our elected representatives, taken under pressure, under dictation. We must know what the facts are and what justice requires."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

## NO ONE WAS AFRAID OF HAITI.

Haiti did not behave as badly to us as Mexico behaved; but Mr. Wilson intervened, fought the Haitians, shedding their blood and the blood of our troops, took possession and now has our armed forces in control of Haiti and directing its government. His course of action in Haiti can be defended only if his course of action in Mexico is unquestionably condemned; for such action was far more needed in Mexico than in Haiti. But there was a difference in the two cases; and to Mr. Wilson it was a vital difference. Haiti was weaker than Mexico. No one was afraid of Haiti. From the speech of Colonel Roosevelt delivered at Lewiston, Maine, in Behalf of Charles E. Hughes.

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